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Re: Draft Funding Recommendations for the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant Program

Dear Mr. Wallace,

This letter serves to express my deep concerns regarding the review and selection process of Proposition 84 Round 2 draft award. Based on what we believe was a flawed process by your Division, the San Diego Region will receive \$5 million less than the full award amount.

The Regional Management Group and the Regional Advisory Committee worked diligently to develop a suite of projects that meet the IRWM objectives and that complied with DWR requirements. The projects were carefully selected based on their unique merits and their ability to complement the entire package. The group of projects received unanimous support from the RAC. It is distressing to learn that the proposed Draft award from DWR is for 50% funding to the San Diego region, especially when DWR recommends more than 100% funding to other regions.

As the County of San Diego Supervisor of District Three, I am requesting that the DWR revisit and rescore the San Diego Funding Area Application. I request that DWR revise the Award amount to 100% of the requested funding based on the following facts:

1. The San Diego Funding Area application was responsive to DWR's solicitation and contained detailed and thoughtful analysis of the benefits that would accrue from the funding.
2. DWR Reviewers clearly misunderstood aspects of certain projects (specifically the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project) which dramatically impacted the scoring for the overall application. Critical incorrect assumptions were made by the DWR reviewers that could have easily been avoided by a more thorough review of the application.
3. In DWR's six-month review period, DWR staff never requested additional information or clarification on the San Diego Area Application and did not indicate that the submittal fell short of DWR's solicitation requirements.

Furthermore, the DWR should reconsider the approach used to by staff in publishing draft findings and award amounts before each grant application is fully understood. It is important that a thorough review of the applications take place and that adequate time is available to respond to any DWR staff questions or clarifications. In this case, a lack of understanding of these important water resource projects has resulted in an inappropriate score and a \$5 million cut in allocation to the San Diego area.

I respectfully request that DRW provides the San Diego Region an opportunity to meet in person to explain its suite of projects and how, as a group, they meet the intent of the Round 2 solicitation.

Sincerely,



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Supervisor, District 3  
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